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SUBJECT: ANTI-AMERICAN MANIFESTATION MOUNTED IN CONAKRY BY NORTH KOREANS

SUMMARY: EMBASSY LEARNED THAT PDKR CHARGE WAS PLANNING AN ANTI-AMERICAN MANIFESTATION. AMBASSADOR OBJECTED PERSONALLY TO ACTING FONMIN AND DELIVERED DIPLOMATIC NOTE BUT FAILED TO EFFECT CANCELLATION OF THOROUGHLY OFFENSIVE EVENT. ACTING FONMIN SUBSEQUENTLY APOLOGIZED TO AMBASSADOR AND PROMISED PREVENT REPETITION. BELIEVE AMBASSADOR'S DEMARCHE SERVED USEFUL PURPOSE ALTHOUGH THERE IS LITTLE HOPE OF AVOIDING SUCH OCCURRENCES ALTOGETHER GIVEN POLITICAL SYMPATHIES OF GOG AND LARGE, ACTIVE PRESENCE IN CONAKRY OF USSR, PRC, PDKR AND CUBA. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT FOLLOW UP WITH GUINEAN AMBASSADOR. END SUMMARY.

1. THROUGH FRIENDLY MISSION EMBASSY OBTAINED COPY OF WIDLEY DIFFUSED INVITATION FROM NORTH KOREAN CHARGE TO FILM-SHOWING JUNE 25 - IN CELEBRATION OF ANTI-US IMPERIALISM WEEK". GOG REQUIRES ADVANCE APPROVAL OF ALL SUCH FUNCTIONS AND CENSORS ANY DISTRIBUTION OF INVITATIONS OR LITERATURE BY DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. THIS EVENT WAS PARTICULARLY OBJECTIONABLE SINCE IT WAS TO BE HELD IN OFFICIAL MEETING HALL OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF GUINEA.

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2. AMBASSADOR CALLED UPON NEW SECRETARY-GENERAL OF FONOFF (MOUROU

BALDE, WHO WAS ACTING FONMIN) MORNING JUNE 25, MADE STRONG VERBAL PROTEST, LEFT COPY OF INVITATION, AND FOLLOWED UP WITH DIPLOMATIC NOTE DELIVERED EARLY AFTERNOON. (COPY POUCHED). US NOTE REFERRED TO OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT GOG DID NOT PERMIT ACCREDITED MISSIONS TO TAKE PUBLIC ACTION OFFENSIVE TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS WITH WHICH GOG HAD FRIENDLY RELATIONS. NOTE REMINDED GOG THAT US EMBASSY SCRUPULOUSLY OBSERVED GOG CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS, STATED THAT GOG SANCTION OF ABSURVE CONDUCT BY OTHER MISSIONS IMPAIRED DEVELOPMENT OF US/GUINEAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION, AND REQUESTED THAT GOG WITHDRAW AUTHORIZATION FOR PDRK EVENT.

3. NORTH KOREAN MANIFESTATION WAS HELD AS SCHEDULED, ATTENDED BY CHINESE AND POSSIBLY OTHER COMMUNIST AMBASSADORS AND BY SOME GOG OFFICIALS. THERE WERE ANTI-AMERICAN SPEECHES AND DISTRIBUTION OF ANTI-US BROCHURES.

4. ACTING FONMIN SUMMONED AMBASSADOR FOLLOWING MORNING. AFTER LAME BUREAUCRATIC EXCUSES FOR FAILURE TO ACT ON US NOTE, ACTING FONMIN MADE ORAL APOLOGY TO US. HE ASSURED AMBASSADOR THERE HAD BEEN NO CHANGE IN GOG POLICY OF RESPECT FOR ALL GOVERNMENTS INCLUDING USG AND OF PREVENTION OFFENSIVE ACTIVITIES BY ANY MISSION. HE SEEMED IMPRESSED BY VIRULENCE OF PKRK HANDOUT AMBASSADOR LEFT WITH HIM ENTITLED "IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION IN KOREA BY THE UNITED STATES". PDRK OFFICIALS WERE SEEN ENTERING ACTING FONMIN'S OFFICE LATER IN DAY, WE HOPE FOR A WARNING HOWEVER MILD.

5. COMMENT: THIS EVENT WAS MORE FLAGRANT THAN OTHERS IN PAST, PERHAPS REFLECTING CURRENT GLOBAL PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN BY NORTH KOREANS. GIVEN IDEOLOGICAL EXTREMES OF GOG UNDER SEKOU TOURE WE HAVE LITTLE PROSPECT OF OBTAINING EVEN-HANDED TREATMENT. HOWEVER, ONLY THE MOST RADICAL ELEMENTS IN GOG SUPPORT EXCLUSIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH (AND DEPENDENCE UPON) COMMUNIST POWERS. TOURE HIMSELF IS A NATIONALIST FIRST AND FOREMOST. US DEMARCHES -- WHICH AMBASSADOR INTENDS TO REPEAT MORE FORCEFULLY IN CASE OF RE-OCCURRENCE--SHOULD BOLSTER THOSE WHO DESIRE TO MAINTAIN SOME DEGREE OF BALANCE.

6. RECOMMENDATION: DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO MENTION THIS EPISODE TO GUINEAN AMBASSADOR IN ORDER TO UNDERLINE POINT THAT USG
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EXPECTS CERTAIN STANDARDS OF CIVILITY AND RESPECT FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE DESIRING TO BENEFIT FROM USAID.
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